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AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE OFFICE IN CHICAGO

ON September 1, headquarters of the American Library Association were opened in the Chicago Public Library building. On the following day the first official meetings were held there, when the Executive and Publishing Boards of the Association convened.

Members of these Boards and librarians who have visited the new offices have been pleased at the commodious, attractive quarters which have been placed at the disposal of the Association through the generosity of the trustees of the Chicago Public Library. The splendidly lighted room 60 by 50 feet in size is sufficient to give all the space needed for the office work. Additional room for storage purposes was provided for the Association by the Public Library. In response to a request from the Chicago Library Club, the Secretary of the Association submitted a list of furnishings needed at headquarters, and the Library Club proposes to supply these.

The advent of a new enterprise aroused much interest in the newspapers, clubs and business organizations of Chicago and vicinity. Information regarding the Association and its work appeared in print, and unusual courtesies were extended to headquarters representatives by

the Chicago Association of Commerce, Chicago Press Club and other organizations.

The Rotary Club, representing over 200 lines of business activity, invited the Secretary to attend the club's autumn banquet and speak of the Association and its work. A similar invitation was extended by the City Club of Chicago. The Secretary spoke briefly of the Association at the Chicago Commons and Chicago Library Club. Cordial greetings have been extended to the A. L. A. by numerous organizations, many of which have no connection with library work.

Correspondence at the executive office has been heavy, many letters having been received which asked for advice in library matters. Help has been given, but when possible, those wanting assistance have been directed to the Library Commissions, State Libraries and other State institutions which can give direct aid.

The removal of executive offices from Boston to Chicago will not mean the lessening in any way those close connections which have always existed between headquarters and library activities in New England and the East. It promises to mean in addition to these connections,